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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Nooksack Indian Clinic and Wellness Facility in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Nooksack Indian Tribe, located at 5142 Mt. Baker Highway, Deming, WA 98244.

The funding would be used for a proposed Nooksack one-stop health center. The clinic will be located in a rural northern part of Whatcom County designated by HRSA as a Medically Underserved Area/Population. The nearest hospital is a 30-minute drive. The nearest clinic, SeaMar in Everson, has limited services and just one family physician. The goal for a new Nooksack Clinic and Wellness Facility in Deming is to improve community health and wellness by providing an easily accessed, trusted one-stop for primary care services with time and respect given to each patient, all the facilities in one place, and walk-in times available. Each time an individual has to wait to be seen or has to drive long distances to see a provider there is a risk that they don't access the services they need. This impacts the health of individuals and the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Suzan K. DelBene

Member of Congress